ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

I WOULDN'T say we're an absent-minded family, but . . .

I caught myself wiping my shoes as I went OUT of the house, as though I didn't want to track dust around the outdoors. My wife was insulted. She says her house isn't as dirty as that.

My wife made a pot of tea—but forgot to put the tea in. Clear water issued from the spout.

When someone asked me the date, I looked at my watch. It only tells the time.

After I quit smoking (nearly two years ago, as I remember it) I took up gum-chewing instead. On two or three occasions I offered someone a stick of gum, then struck a match to light the gum for them.

I bumped into a chair, and without thinking I said "Sorry." The chair said nothing.

There was one more incident, which led me to believe that my wits had been slightly addled by the machine age. I was reading a paper when I went out of the office for some coffee. I purchased the coffee without looking up from the paper, doing the transaction entirely by feel.

That's how it happened that I said "Thank you" to a coin-in-the-slot coffee vending machine.

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How do you pronounce the word "leisure?" I was always taught to pronounce it to rhyme with "pleasure." The "leezur" pronunciation has always jarred on my ears.

But Mrs. Ursula Jupp, 2254 Arbutus Road, does not find it as painful as I do.

"I have been mercifully spared any unpleasant reaction by the . . . memory of the first time I heard it pronounced. The user was an old Scottish gentlewoman . . . who quoted to an over-zealous young do-gooder the following couplet:

"A heart at leezur from itself
To soothe and sympathize."

"She was such a dear wise old soul that it was easy to accept the rebuke and I believe it was the use of that funny word leezur that caused the saying to remain rooted in my mind—to, I trust, my consequent benefit.

"Then a few weeks ago on CBU I heard Sir John Boyd Orr use the same pronunciation in the address he gave to a distinguished UN gathering in Paris . . ."

On this point I checked with a literate Scot who said that he, personally, pronounced the word to rhyme with "pleasure."

Sir John Boyd Orr, this observer noted, spoke with a very broad accent.

However, Mrs. Jupp argues, one should not be too dogmatic about pronunciation.

". . . At one time the CBC had a series of talks (given by a professor of the University of Toronto, I believe) called 'The Wells of English,' and during these talks one found that in the course of time various words have had so many variations in pronunciation, meaning and usage that it is hardly worth while being too closely tied emotionally to any present or local forms."

Gentle Blaster

Doing a bang-up job in West Berlin, Hertha Bahr pauses for a smoke while working as Germany's only woman dynamite expert. She placed the charges to blow up the 100-foot-high main portal of the Lehrter railway station, behind her. The rest of the station was destroyed by bombs.

Ontario Minister Accused

Gas Scandal

TORONTO (UPI) — The Northern Ontario Natural Gas pipeline scandal flared anew in the Ontario legislature yesterday when CCF leader Donald C. Macdonald charged that A. D. McKenzie assisted former mines minister Philip T. Kelley in forming the company.

Mr. McKenzie is a behind-the-scenes director of the provincial Conservative party.

Mr. Macdonald said Mr. Kelly bought his stock "as one of the original promoters of Northern Ontario Natural Gas at almost the same time he was appointed minister in 1954. In other words, the minister for mines was assisted in forming the company by the top man in the Tory party organization."

"Moreover," charged Mr. Macdonald, "the top man in the Tory party, an intimate of the premier, acted as general counsel and adviser to Northern Ontario Natural Gas until December, 1955 — which must have been about the time discussions were initiated between provincial and federal governments for joint financing of the Northern Ontario link."

Mr. Kelly resigned in July, 1957. Twelve months later, Lands and Forests Minister Clare Mapledoram resigned and was followed by Public Works Minister William Griesinger.

NORTHERN GARDENS

Watermelon, corn and tomatoes are often grown successfully in the Mackenzie Valley of the Northwest Territories.

Nurses Ask Strike Vote

VANCOUVER (CP)—An application for a government-supervised strike vote among nurses at eight Lower Mainland hospitals will be made immediately, a spokesman for the nurses said Thursday.

The B.C. Civil Service

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COMPETITION No. 59: 13A

Esquimalt Has Lots Left Over

Esquimalt still has "for sale" signs on 25 lots in its new Rockheights subdivision.

Nine eager Victorians, who waited overnight for the lots until sale time Thursday morning, claimed only nine lots. Two more were sold during the day.

First choice went to Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, 444 Arnold, who took positions at the hall at 9 a.m. Wednesday, 24 hours before the lots went on sale.

By midnight, eight more had joined the pair.

Lots range in price from $2,400 to $3,000.

CHALLENGE

Whether in the days of Bonnie Prince Charlie or Wellington, history records the willingness of the Grant Clan to accept a challenge.

Their business trade mark could well be a gauntlet too, for William Grant entered the competitive distillery business (1887) with little but family pride and an expert's knowledge. Now, see how widespread is the fame of Grant's Stand Fast in the triangular bottle.

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District 63 Assessments Cut Asked

Saanich Plea Heard

Court of revision for North Saanich school district decided yesterday, after long debate on its powers, that it could consider the plea of Saanich municipality to reduce the Saanich residential assessment total in the district.

Saanich is claiming that the other components of the district—Central Saanich, Sidney and provincial territory—have not assessed residential property as the Saanich assessor, acting in accord with provincial instructions, has done.

As a result, Saanich claims, residents of the School District 63 portion of the municipality will be penalized in school taxes in comparison with other taxpayers in the school district.

M. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake, counsel for the municipality, told the court Saanich believed that to attain equalization with the other components, the reduction in its assessments should be 26.9 per cent.

The case is expected to proceed Tuesday.

The municipality plans a similar appeal to the court of revision in the Greater Victoria school district.

BIGGEST BEARS

The Polar bear is the largest of any bear species, reaching a height of nine feet.

Council Briefs

Improvement Loans Outside City Realm

City council finance committee mulled over a suggestion from F. W. Martin, 765 Hillside, yesterday that the city should lend money for property improvements and then collect it like taxes.

The committee decided, however, that the city had no power to make loans and probably could not easily obtain such power.

Mr. Martin suggested the federal government should make the money available at 3½ per cent and the municipalities lend it at 5 per cent.

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Finance committee of city council yesterday asked the city manager to report on city-owned properties reserved for school purposes which now might be sold.

The committee was informed by the education department that some properties set aside for school purposes could be sold if never used by the school board.

A report from the director of the Capital Region Planning Board on cost and feasibility of the board making a redevelopment survey of the area west of Government will be sought by city council finance committee.

A Vancouver firm recently offered to make such a survey for the city.

The Weather

February 6, 1959

Variable cloudiness with a few showers and occasional sunny periods. Little cooler. Winds westerly 25 and gusty, decreasing to 20 in the evening. Precipitation, .32. Sunshine, 18 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High ..... 46 Low 40

Forecast Temperatures

High ..... 45 Low 38

Sunrise .. 7.38 Sunset .. 5.19

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness with a few showers and occasional sunny periods. Little cooler. Winds northwesterly 25 in Georgia Strait, decreasing to 15. High and low at Nanaimo, 43 and 32.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness with occasional showers and a few sunny periods. Little colder. Winds northwesterly 25, backing to westerly 20 in afternoon. High and low at Estevan Point, 45 and 38.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Prcp
St. John's	29	37	.38
Halifax	28	39	--
Montreal	9	32	.03
Ottawa	1	23	.08
Port Arthur	-11	2	--
Kenora	-21	-14	.02
Winnipeg	-26	-15	--
Brandon	-20	-12	.01
The Pas	-29	-19	--
Regina	-18	-5	.02
Saskatoon	-24	-4	--
Prince Albert	-27	-10	--
North Battleford	-20	-5	--
Swift Current	-9	5	--
Medicine Hat	-8	18	--
Lethbridge	10	23	--
Calgary	3	17	--
Edmonton	-8	10	--
Kimberley	4	22	--
Crescent Valley	9	25	.37
Kaslo	16	28	.02
Grand Forks	24	12	--
Kamloops	19	28	.16
Penticton	25	35	.03
Vancouver	36	41	.65
Prince Rupert	35	42	.85
Prince George	11	25	.23
Whitehorse	7	14	.07
Seattle	39	48	.08
Portland	42	52	--
San Francisco	44	68	--
Los Angeles	48	68	--
Spokane	24	35	.03
Chicago	6	20	--
New York	36	47	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
6	03.04	8.3	07.37	7.7	12.45	9.2	20.18	1.8
7	03.30	8.2	08.27	7.2	13.35	8.9	20.58	2.1
8	03.42	8.1	09.14	6.7	14.23	8.5	21.35	2.5
9	04.52	8.1	10.00	6.3	15.10	8.1	22.14	3.2
10	05.16	8.2	10.49	5.9	15.59	7.6	22.48	3.9
11	05.38	8.2	11.40	5.6	16.52	7.1	23.19	4.6
12	06.08	8.3	12.34	5.3	17.50	6.6	23.45	5.3
13	06.36	8.4	13.34	4.9	19.14	6.2	23.59	5.9
14	07.04	8.4	14.35	4.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	07.27	8.4	15.45	4.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	07.51	8.4	16.43	3.9	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	08.23	8.4	17.32	3.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	09.13	8.4	18.13	3.1	.....	.....	.....	.....

TIDES AT GULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
6	05.17	11.6	10.13	9.2	14.40	10.5	22.01	2.4
7	05.48	11.7	11.09	8.6	15.40	10.3	22.41	2.8
8	06.16	11.6	11.43	7.9	16.37	10.0	23.20	3.3
9	06.42	11.8	12.46	7.3	17.33	9.7	23.58	4.0
10	07.08	11.4	13.08	6.8	18.29	9.4	.....	.....
11	00.34	4.8	07.32	11.3	13.53	6.3	19.30	9.1
12	01.10	5.8	07.58	11.2	14.37	5.8	20.36	8.9
13	01.46	6.7	08.33	11.0	15.25	5.5	21.55	8.8
14	02.27	7.6	08.51	10.8	16.15	5.2	23.33	8.9
15	03.15	8.4	09.20	10.6	17.05	4.9	.....	.....
16	01.28	9.3	04.29	9.1	09.54	10.4	17.56	4.6
17	2.46	9.8	06.11	9.3	10.35	10.3	18.47	4.2
18	03.25	10.2	07.32	9.6	11.26	10.2	19.32	3.8

ITALIAN RESORT

The warm mineral springs at Lucca in Italy were first mentioned in records of the 13th century.

Ship Calendar

Victoria—Thunderbird, loading lumber, and Rolv Jarl, loading lumber.

Crofton — Canadian Star, loading pulp; Lagos Ontario, loading pulp.

Tahsis — Riverton, loading lumber; Mormacrey, loading lumber.

Alberni — Mostun, loading lumber; Besseggen, loading lumber, and Kersten Miles, loading pulp.

PLIMLEY'S

57 BUICK 4-DOOR RIVIERA Black, White, Red Automatic - Radio $2795	56 PACKARD CUSTOM CLIPPER Torsion Level Ride Power-Equipped $2495	55 OLDSMOBILE "88" HARDTOP Automatic - Radio Power Brakes $2145	55 DE SOTO 4-DOOR SEDAN Radio - Automatic Power Steering $2195	55 DODGE MAYFAIR SEDAN V-8 Performance $1565
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